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Second Meeting of the Committee on Production of Scientific
Intelligence in the Field of Biological Warfare.

1. This meeting of 20 October 1948 was the second interdepartmental meeting on the working level of BW intelligence. Those who attended the meeting are listed on the attached sheet.

25X1A9a 2. The meeting, held in room 2519, Building M, was opened at 1000 by [REDACTED] chairman of the committee. [REDACTED] introduced the first item on the agenda, i.e. the opinions of each agency on the proposed revision of BW requirements. 25X1A9a

3. The Army was satisfied, in general, with the proposed documents. The Navy suggested that the document was too long and repetitious, and should be further simplified, using the BW Training Manual as the basis for a factual outline. The Air Force approved of the question section but preferred more specific information, in layman's language, in the introduction.

4. Everyone agreed on the need for an explanatory introduction. There was general discussion of these questions: How much introduction? Should there be a factual outline and/or specific questions following the introduction?

The following main ideas were brought out in the discussion:

a. A full factual outline could be used as a reference document by the M/A, but too much technical detail would be confusing.

b. M/A's can furnish only information about legitimate operations, such as medical research. Real BW intelligence information will have to come from experts sent out to the field to follow up leads.

c. An outline accompanied by pointed questions is the most desirable form for BW requirements.

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Reports and Estimates - to produce intelligence.

Installations and Personalities - to develop a system for recording such information.

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7. It was suggested that offices to be represented, rather than names, should be placed on panels, and that the offices should make their own nominations.

8. The proposed panel structure, with criticism and recommendations, will be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

9. Temporarily, the Committee will meet on alternate Wednesdays. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 November 1948, room 2519, Building M, at 1000.

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